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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Previously Canceled).

~~21.~~¹ (Previously presented) An immunogenic composition comprising a viral antigen and ribavirin for co-administration thereof, wherein said viral antigen is a nucleic acid.

~~22.~~² (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21.~~¹, wherein said viral antigen encodes a hepatitis antigen.

~~23.~~³ (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~22.~~², wherein said hepatitis antigen is a hepatitis C viral antigen.

~~24.~~⁴ (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~23.~~³, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS3.

~~25.~~⁵ (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~22.~~², wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS4A.

Claims 26-27 (Canceled).

~~28.~~⁶ (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21.~~¹, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 16.

~~29.~~⁷ (Amended) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21.~~¹, wherein said nucleic acid comprises a fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 13 that encodes an antigenic peptide.

~~30.~~⁸ (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a viral antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

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~~31~~² (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:

providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~32~~¹⁰ (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:

providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~33~~¹¹ (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:

providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid, that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS3; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~34~~¹² (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:

providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS4A; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

~~35~~¹³ (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21~~¹, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

~~36~~¹⁴ (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim ~~21~~¹, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising an antigenic fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 1.